

(a) securing said first member to said electro-fluidic conductor such that said first member encircles an end portion of said electro-fluidic conductor and forms a fluid tight seal thereto, and electrically connects therewith; and

(b) matably connecting said first member to said second member such that said first member and said second member define a hollow inner chamber that comprises a fluid tight chamber for passing fluid between said electro-fluidic conductor and said fluid port of said second member, and wherein said first member and said second member themselves define an electrical connection between said electro-fluidic conductor and said electrical conductor when said electrical conductor is attached to said second member.

#### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 24-44 remain active in the application.

No prior art rejections have been applied against the claims. Concerning the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph (paragraph 7), Claim 24 is being amended to consistently refer to a "fluidic connector."

In response to paragraph 4 of the Office Action, a description of the support in the specification for the dependent Claims 25-44 is attached hereto.

In response to paragraph 5, Applicants are submitting a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.608.

The objection to the Declaration, and the rejection of the claims based thereupon (paragraphs 1-3), is hereby respectfully traversed.

The Examiner states that the originally filed declaration is defective because it does not "specifically identify an error." In raising this objection, the Examiner appears to be